

REMARKS

Claims 13, 36, and 59 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 97-102 have been cancelled. Claims 103-111 are new. Claims 13-23, 36-46, 59-96 and 103-111 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 97-102 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 97-102 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 13, 36, and 59 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huitema in view of Wilson.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claim 13, Huitema describes querying a local server to obtain the IP address of a remote computer. Wilson describes domain trees in Figure 4. However, neither Huitema nor Wilson teaches “the object oriented database comprises a network object tree that includes a plurality of network objects; and the zone object tree and the network object tree are linked via a host object that is associated with the domain name and the IP address”, as recited in claim 1. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found, without limitation, in the above-captioned application at page 11, line 24 to page 12, line 2 and at Figure 6. As such, claim 13 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 14-23, 70-78, and 103-105 depend from claim 13 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above. Support for claims 103-105 may be found, without limitation, in the above-captioned application at page 12, lines 9-29 and at Figure 6.

Claim 36 recites program code for carrying out the method of claim 13. Therefore, it is believed that claim 36 is also allowable.

Claims 59 recites a system for carrying out the method of claim 13. Therefore, it is believed that claim 59 is also allowable.

Claims 37-46, 79-87, and 106-108 depend from claim 36 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claims 60-69, 88-96, and 109-111 depend from claim 59 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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